Mr. B. Cronyn, being called on, said the Ontario Government did raise an objection to the line running through the grounds; and secondly, the right of the road to run through the lands was a purely constitutional right. According to the Act, under which the line was chartered, they could run through all lands except those held for military or naval purposes, but there was an Ontario Act which specified that no lands vested in the Government could be taken without the sanction of the Lieutenant Governor; and which Act would override the other would be a purely constitutional question. The matter had not been properly represented to the Government, but when it was they withdrew their opposition. Still, the Asylum was an institution of which they were all proud, and in which they were interested, and that was the reason the Council were asked to express their opinion by petition to the Lieutenant Governor. He showed that the engineers had endeavored to survey both north and south of the line through the Asylum grounds, but could obtain no satisfactory route, and he pointed out the great difficulties that would ensue by the change, and the advantage that would result from the present line being selected, as there was a natural depression through the grounds at that point. Besides, Mr. Jennings, the Chief Engineer, was desirous that a fence should be built along the line and a watchman placed on the crossing. The Company wished to push on as rapidly as possible, and it was the endeavor of all to avoid any source of danger or annoyance.

X Ald. Taylor moved the adoption of the petition. Ald. Garrett seconded. Carried.

Ald. Taylor moved that the seal of the Corporation be attached to the petition, and that his Worship the Mayor be instructed to forward it at once. Ald. Hook seconded. Carried.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Ald. Boyd, Chairman of No. 3 Committee, reported that the Committee had met this afternoon and received the following tenders for electric lighting, which were submitted:—

Royal Electric Light Company—For thirty lights from sunset to sunrise, 40 cents per light per night; or would put ten lights on the streets at such places as the Committee might select, reserving every alternate post for the Ball Company, each Company to have the privilege of using the other's poles until the 15th of January next; the price of each Company to be the same, the city to select the price. This contract for three years, and the last agreement with the proviso that the Ball Company agree to it.

Ball Electric Light Company—To supply twenty or twenty-three lights, as provided in the specifications, for one year, at 38¼ cents per night from sunset to sunrise.

Ald. Boyd said that Mr. Scoville, manager of the Ball Company, had agreed that the city could terminate the agreement on giving one or three months' notice. He might also state that there was a little hitch, the Royal tender being for from one to three years, and the Ball for only one year. He had waited upon Mr. Scoville, manager of the Ball Company, who refused in fact to change his tender. Mr. Walsh had then put in a tender for one year, which he had not opened, and he asked would the Council accept for one or three years.

Mr. Walsh was heard, and urged that his company should be allowed to tender for one year, as there was a great difference between tendering for one and three, for a company could afford to run their light for a year even at a loss, in order to get the contract of the city.

Ald. O'Meara moved to recommend that the matter be referred back to the Committee to call for tenders for one year, and that the city have power to cancel the contract on giving one or two months' notice. Ald. Garrett seconded.

In amendment Ald. Hook moved that the tender of the Ball Company for one year be accepted. Ald. Dawson seconded.

In further amendment, Ald Boyd moved that both Companies be compelled to make a test of ten ampere lights to the 1st of February next, at 33 cents per light per night, and that in case either Company refuse that new tenders be called for in accordance with the motion of Ald. O'Meara. Ald. Stringer seconded.

The amendment of Ald. Boyd was carried.

The Committee then rose and reported, and the report was adopted.

The Council adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, September 21, 1886.

The Council met at the usual hour. Present:—Mayor Hodgens (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Davis, O'Meara, Kingston, McDonald, Browne, Stringer, Dawson, Heaman, Bartlett.

Minutes of last regular and special meeting were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ

From Peter Toll—Account of $30 for services *re* Andrews case.

From John McNee and other ratepayers—For a tile sewer on the lane between Central avenue and Carling's creek. No.2.

From Henry Yates and other ratepayers of Ontario street—Against the moving out of the sidewalk. Members of the Ward, with power.

From W. R. Meredith—Stating that the West Ontario Pacific Railway Company desire to have notice given of application to close parts of Elizabeth, English and Wellington streets, and that they are entitled to have that done on payment of the expense of publication. The Clerk was instructed to carry out the request, Mr. Cronyn having agreed to pay the expense.

From Rev. W. Chapman—For exemption from taxes. No. 1.

From Samuel Friendship, Henry Taylor, Alex. McCabe, John McKowen, Mrs. Clark, Wm. Clark, Joseph Dunn, Russell Hardy, Johannah Kelly—*Re* taxes. No. 1, except Hardy's, referred to Court of Revision

From Ruben Short and other ratepayers—For a sidewalk on the south side of York street between Adelaide and Rectory. Members of No. 5 Ward, with power.

From Dr. Bryce—Circular relative to meeting of the American Public Health Association at Toronto on October 4th, and formation of a Canadian Association. Board of Health.

From James Reeves — Complaining against William Fox for driving a wagon on the sidewalk and damaging the same. No. 2.

From H. E. Nelles—Claiming damages on behalf of Henry Francis for damage to his property on Laura street in No. 5 Ward. No. 2

From William Willis & Co.—Praying for the construction of three crossings to reach their lumber yard, and offering to make the crossings if the Council pay for the material. No. 2.

From Gibbons, McNab & Mulkern—Asking that G. S. Birrell be permitted to fence in Mill street, from Talbot to the river, and offering to give up possession when required by the city. Granted.

From W. T. Jennings, Chief Engineer W. O. P. Railway—Pointing out that before work can be commenced on the station it will be necessary for the city to change the course of drainage of Carling's creek, now running through the Fair Grounds. No. 2, with instructions to open negotiations with the different corporations using the creek and report back.

From W. C. Van Horne, General Manager of the Canadian Pacific—Stating that he was much obliged for the information that the city had granted the bonus to the Ontario and Pacific Company, also that the manager of construction, Mr. Jennings, has been instructed to push work on the extension from Woodstock to London as rapidly as possible, and that he felt sure the citizens will have no cause to complain of any omission on the part of the Company to do all that is expected of them. Received and filed.

From Dr. Niven—Requesting refund of amount paid for rent of City Hall for the Leyalist meeting. Clerk to notify him it is contrary to the regulations of the Council to grant such concessions.

From Rev. E. N. English—For extension of water service to Hellmuth Ladies' College. Water Commissioners.

From Y. M. C. A.—For use of Hall and